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# People and Issues

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## Prof. Eruv Rav Looks at CIA Thru Conduit of Nile Sly Eye

OUR old friend Professor Eruv Rav, of Heliopolis University, Egypt, a fellow with a mixed multitude of inheritances and interests dating back to Pharonic times dropped into the newsroom the other day; as is his wont, unexpectedly. An odd fellow, he; but sharp as a tack. He lives on 1 Exodus St., in that keen Egyptian suburb of Goshen.

"Reading about this stuff in your American newspapers about the CIA and its mountain of taxpayer funds funneled this way and that, I thought," said the professor, "that I would confess to you that I came here via the Aswan Conduit, a CIA affiliate, and checked in via the M'raglin 'pass-through'.

"I am also a kind of faculty adviser to the I-NSA, the Inter-National Student Association," he said with a liberal wink.

"No matter," he continued, "philanthropy will never be the same now that the CIA has made it fashionable to feed the hand that bites you.

"Now that's quite a hashed metaphor, I know; but so is the CIA policy of sometimes bankrolling them that most enjoy kicking Uncle Samuel's shins.

"Now take this JTA story in your very own Chronicle out of Washington, D.C. Outraged Congressman William Fitts Ryan and Benjamin Rosenberg, both of New York, condemned support of the American Friends of the Middle East (AFME) by the CIA, the US Central Intelligence Agency.

"Of course, the main thing that AFME is known for is not its friendship for the Middle-East — for it has never been a friend of Israel, which, I believe is also one of the countries in the Middle East. And, with such friends, who needs enemies?

"AFME seems to specialize in pro-Arab, anti-Israel propaganda. Who needs it?"

Professor Eruv Rav, who confided that he is a director of the Aswan Conduit Fund, the M'raglin Pass-Through Trust, and the Yardain Channel Fund, affiliated with the Descender River Trust over here, and the Meshullach Collectors Fund there, said he's all for even-ing things up.

"Now why should only pro-Arab outfits get your tax dollars via CIA coffers?" he asked.

"Why not spread the cash around to some of the other organizations interested in the Middle East?"

"Take Hadassah; now that's a lady-like organization. Now, why couldn't the CIA, through the Ishtar Middle Foundation, girdle the Middle East with health services sponsored by 'Esther' a Hadassah alter-ego organization—slightly veiled for Arab countries.

"Imagine, getting all those Arab ladies going to all those meetings, keeping their husbands busy making the dinner and taking care of the kids while the girls are fund-raising for the CIEsther!

"What a way to keep the surplus population busy and reduce manpower for the armies in the Near East!" chortled the Professor Rav.

"Then there is Premier Levi Eshkol of Israel. Everyone these days seems to be nipping at his heels, poor fellow.

"Why not a boatload of CIA dollars, funneled through a newly-formed Cash for Israel

course), and put at the disposal of Israel development.

"This will so spur Israel's economy that it will stimulate the Arabs to work harder on the Arab Boycott to frustrate Israel's exports as the economy booms but doesn't bust any new Alignment.

"Now the United Jewish Appeal could be had, too, but in a different way. A few million CIA dollars funneled through AFME to the Yak-Yak Speakers Forum will make available—free—hundreds of long-winded talkers for the UJA.

"The windy speakers at UJA meetings would keep people away in droves. That would send gifts tumbling.

"Of course, AFME might outsmart itself, and all the bored people would contribute large gifts just to get rid of the long-winded speakers. Israel would benefit, and AFME would then begin to qualify as a real Friend of the Middle East.

"After all," Professor Eruv Rav opined with one of Actor Menasha Skulnik's arm-hand-and-shoulder shrugs: "There are friends, and there are friends!

"Now, how about Kosygin of Russia? He's the fellow who said that Jews could leave Russia if they wished.

"A bundle of CIA cash, using the Lenin Subway (Underground) and Railway Trust as conduit, could put Kosy Kosygin in a cosy position to finance his own emigration out of Russia, if, as seems the case, the Kremlin isn't ready to back him up on his promise of open Freedom Rides for Jews in the Soviet Union."

"Now," said the Professor, a great front man from way back since the outgoing from Egypt (which made him such an outgoing fellow forevermore), "we should also not forget Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

"Everytime he says American Jewish communities are all mixed up and over-organized and under-organized, people jump all over him in the USA. Since he's overseas, those hopping mad people here don't hurt him too much over there.

"But the CIA can do something about this. A bundle, funneled through the Inter-Planetary Jewish Congress, a satellite of the Cosmos Congress, could be plowed back into American communities via the Amalgamated Association of Jewish Social Service Funds (AAJSSF).

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